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A True Account
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BARTHFELD,
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Upper Hungary.
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A True Copy of a Letter from the Imperial Army by BARTHFELD in UPPER HUNGARY, the 28th. of *September*, 1684.

BARTHFELD Surrendred it ſelf, after four days vigorous Reſiſtance, upon the Conditions under-written. It was a Place fortified with ſeveral Baſtions and Redoubts, and on one ſide with three Walls, beſides deep Ditches for the moſt part full of Water, with a Garriſon of three or four hundred Malecontents, beſides the Inhabitants: And on the contrary, our Artillery was not in a condition to make Breaches in the Walls, nor our Granado's to ſet the Houſes on fire, by reaſon the Beſieged had uncovered all the Houſes, and put all the Hay and Straw in the Cellars, and done whatever could be imagined neceſſary for the preventing the Effects of our Fire-Works. We lodged our ſelves, notwithſtanding, by means of our Artillery, in the Ditch, and preſently made our Entrenchments under the Wall, with deſign to take a Tower by Storm. This vigorous Attack caus'd ſo great a Conſternation among the Burghers and the Garriſon, that they immediately ſent out Deputies to parley; but their Conditions were very extravagant: So that the Colonel *Vetriani* having ſhewn them their Approaches in the Ditch, told them that he had a Mine ready to be ſprung of ſixty or ſeventy Barrels of Powder; which would blow up, not only the Walls, but a great deal of the Town it ſelf. This Stratagem ſtruck ſo great Terrour upon the Beſieged, that they (without any delay) accepted of the Conditions propoſed to them. The greateſt part of the Garriſon took Service among the Imperialiſts:

ſo that ſcarce fifty Soldiers marched out of the Town. We have fifteen Men killed, and the Captain-Lieutenant of *Straſoldo*, with forty more wounded. The General *Schultz* was (notwithſtanding the continual Firing of the Beſieged) preſent in all the Action; giving his Orders, and encouraging his Soldiers to do their duty, by diſtributing amongſt them a great deal of Money. Colonel *Vetriani*, who commanded the Attack, did not a little contribute to this good Succeſs; wherein he was bravely ſeconded by Baron *Bluke*, Serjeant-Major of *Straſoldo*, the Baron *Meuter* of the ſaid Regiment, and the Count de *Horberſtein*, who commands that of *Grana*, and of ſeveral others.

The Town of *Barthfeld*, lying but one Mile from the Frontiers of *Poland*, and four from *Eſperies*, is of great Importance: And 'tis thought the Loſs of this place will render *Teckely* very odious to his Party, becauſe he fail'd to relieve it according to his Promiſe.

The Articles of Capitulation.

1. ALL Affairs, as well Eccleſiaſtick as Civil, ſhall be managed as thoſe in all the other Towns in the Kingdom of *Hungaria*.
2. The Nobility ſhall take the Oath of Allegiance to his Imperial Majeſty, and remain in quiet Poſſeſſion of all their Rights and Privileges.
3. That free leave be given to all Gentlemen, and others, who are minded, to depart the Town, and to take away with them as much as they can carry: And that if any Officers and Common Soldiers are willing to take Service in the Imperial Troops, they ſhall be honourably received, keep their Arms and their Goods; and withal, enjoy their reſpective Offices and Places as they were in before; and have the ſame Pay which His Imperial Majeſty gives to the *Hungarian* Soldiers.
4. That the *German* Inhabitants and Soldiers ſhall be honourably received into the Emperor's Service.
5. That one of the Gates ſhall be immediately delivered up to the Imperialiſts, and the Town receive an Imperial Garriſon.
6. That none ſhall carry out with him, or in any manner conceal any thing that belongs to any other, upon Forfeiture of their own Cloaths.
7. All theſe Articles to be inviolably obſerved on both Sides.

In Confirmation of which, I have ſigned them with my own Seal.

Done in the Camp before Barthfeld, *the* 28*th. of* September, 1674. *In the Name of His Imperial and Kingly Majeſty,*

Valent. Grave Van Schultz.

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